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READ THE FOLLOWING PAPERS :—

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HOT WEATHER SUPPLY OF WATER TO LANDS UNDER RIVER CHANNELS.

*References:*

1. Paras 21, 22, Revenue Survey Superintendent's letter No. 326.
2. Order thereon Camp No. 5, dated 28th February 1883.
3. Further Order Camp No. 8, dated 12th March 1883.
4. Revenue Survey Superintendent's No. 535, dated 29th November 1883.
5. Order thereon No. 253-63—2, dated 16th April 1884.
6. Letter from Survey Superintendent to Superintending Engineer, No. 139, dated 13th May 1887.
7. Letter from the Deputy Commissioner of the Mysore District, No. 741, dated 18th February 1888.

There exists apparently a misunderstanding in the Ashtagram Channel Division, Public Works Department, as to the effect of the Revenue Survey Settlement, on the right of channel lands to a hot weather supply of water. The Executive Engineer appears to think that the Revenue Survey carried out its classification of channel lands on the basis of only one crop being taken from under the channels, that the assessment on the lands in question did not include the value of water during the hot weather (*i. e.* January to June), and that therefore a hot weather supply could not be given. This conclusion is erroneous. As regards lands under the Hémavati channels in Hole-Narsipur, the classification was upon the basis of a perennial supply of water, and the rates adopted were satisfactory, as sugar-cane cultivation and the use of water in the hot months were established facts. But when we came to classify the channel lands under the Kaveri in parts of the Arkalgud Taluk transferred in December 1882 to Yedatore, it was found that the people had as a general rule no experience of the use of water in the hot weather, and the Government had to decide regarding a proper system of classification for all channel lands, the Arkalgud lands being the first of the kind of any appreciable extent brought under survey operations. The subject was fully discussed and the decision of the Government is given in Proceedings Camp No. 253-63—2, dated 16th April 1884.

2. The effect of this decision is that existing hot weather supply, wherever it exists, should be continued and the Public Works Department will be requested to give effect to this arrangement.

3. The above rule applies not only to sugar-cane cultivation generally but also to garden cultivation, such as that of Tippur reported upon by the Deputy Commissioner of Mysore in his letter No. 741, dated 18th February 1888.

4. The gardens were made on the faith of a hot weather water-supply and have always enjoyed such a supply. It is, perhaps only in the hot weather they require water from the channels, as during the rest of the year the moisture in the soil is found sufficient for all practical purposes. Their very existence presumes a hot weather supply.

5. In short, the simplest plan is to give a hot weather supply wherever it has been usual to give it, *i. e.*, in established sugar-cane tracts and garden tracts. The ryots in such cases can claim it as a matter of right as the assessment in their case is based upon the existing supply, including a hot weather supply where such exists. In regard to other tracts, the Government should give a hot weather supply *as far as possible* so as to encourage new sugar-cane and garden cultivation. This will at present be only a matter of concession, and can only be granted consistently

with the efficient conservancy of the channels. I believe that extension of sugar-cane or garden cultivation, as the result of such a concession will be very slow indeed, and I am of opinion that it would be extremely undesirable to tax the hot weather water-supply thus newly given. The Government have however the right to do so, but it is not desirable to do so until the capacity of our channels are considerably improved and our ryots generally await themselves of the increased water-supply thereby given. So long as the capacity of our channels remain unaltered, the existing assessment (whether based on one crop or not) should not be disturbed.

6. I have given very careful consideration to Colonel Grant's letter No. 139, dated 13th May 1887. I am of opinion that if, in stray cases, we attempted to put on an additional assessment in consideration of hot weather supply newly given, our action would not only be misunderstood but would have the effect of discouraging a valuable kind of cultivation and thus of retarding local prosperity. The revenue involved would be small and, though lost for the remainder of the settlement, would come in at any general re-classification which the Government may hereafter sanction. The same objections would not apply when Government improve the capacity of the existing channels with the express view of giving a hot weather supply, and when large defined tracts profit by such improvement. To regard the assessment now fixed as including the full value of the maximum water-supply which our present channels are capable of giving is simple and beneficial to the ryot and must accordingly be followed.

7. Wherever it has been usual to give a hot weather supply for the domestic use of neighbouring towns, such supply should be continued. Saligram and Maddur are instances in which the Channel Department has now or till recently cut off such supply. Whenever it is necessary to cut off such supply, due regard must be paid to the convenience of the population dependent upon it for its domestic purposes.

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ORDER No. 118—127, DATED CAMP MYSORE, 9TH APRIL 1888.

Ordered that the above Minute be communicated to the Secretary, Public Works Department, to the Deputy Commissioners of Districts and to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, for information and guidance.

R. VIJAYINDRA RAO,
*Chief Secretary.*

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To—The Secretary, Public Works Department.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Settlement.